

Glossary

ACIP

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides written recommendations on the administration of vaccines to adults and children in the United States. These recommendations include a schedule of dosage, contraindication, and periodicity information for each vaccine. This "harmonized schedule" is the default schedule within VIIS.

Bookmark

A browser tool used for accessing Web sites quickly. After setting a bookmark at a Web page, you may return to that page simply by clicking on its bookmark, rather than entering the entire Web address. Also known as a favorite.

Browser

A software program you use to access the Internet. The two most common browsers are Netscape® and Internet Explorer.

CASA

Clinic Assessment Software Application. A tool developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) used for assessing immunization levels of clients for an immunization provider.

CDC

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC is the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people, providing information to enhance health decisions.

Client

Anyone who has an immunization recorded in VIIS by a provider organization.

Clinician

A person who administers an immunization; for example, a nurse.

Data exchange

A feature that allows you to automatically exchange immunization batch files with VIIS.

Deduplication

An automatic process that displays potential client matches to help ensure that client records are not duplicated in VIIS.

Desktop

The default screen on your computer that displays when no programs are open. The desktop contains shortcut icons that allow the user to open the represented programs and files from the desktop screen.

Favorite

See Bookmark.

GIS

Geographic Information Systems. The GIS online viewer allows geographic display of immunization data, patterns, and trends.

Grace period

The default period of time prior to and following an immunization. This time period is used to validate a client's immunization history; it does not affect immunization recommendations.

HEDIS

Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set. A performance measurement/assessment tool used to ensure quality care from managed care plans.

HL7

Health Level 7. A method of categorizing data so that it is uniform across all health reporting systems. Allows for easier data transfer among different systems.

Home page

The opening page of a Web site. VIIS's home page is the page that displays after you successfully log in. It contains announcements, release notes, resources, and the menu.

Hyperlink

A word or group of words that is underlined and appears in a colored font, usually blue, in VIIS. When you click on the underlined text, the Web site, page, or document that is described will be displayed. Also known as a link.

Immunization registry

Confidential, computerized information system containing client demographics and immunization histories. Registries enable public and private health care providers to maintain consolidated immunization records.

Login

The first screen (aside from any security/certificate warnings) that appears after you access VIIS's Web address. The Login screen requires you to enter your organization's name, your username, and your password to access VIIS.

Logout

Button on VIIS's menu bar that allows you to exit VIIS and return to the Login screen. You may logout from any screen in VIIS.

Lot number

The unique, identifying number given to each vaccine by the manufacturer.

Menu bar

VIIS's menu bar is dark blue and appears at the top of every screen within the registry. The menu bar has several menu options: home, change password, logout, and help (light bulb). The menu bar on your Internet browser, on the other hand, is located near the top of your computer screen and contains words with drop-down lists such as File, Edit, View, Tools, etc.

Menu panel

VIIS's menu panel is a medium blue color and appears to the left of every screen within the registry. The menu panel lists all of the VIIS functions available to the user.

Ordering authority

A person with the capability of ordering an immunization for a client; a person with ordering authority is generally the client's pediatrician or primary care provider or, within public health organizations, the medical director.

PDF

Portable document file. A file format that allows you to view and print a document online in its original format.

Radio button

An input circle that, when clicked, fills with a black dot to indicate a selection. For example, on the Manage Clients screen of VIIS, the client's gender is indicated by selecting the radio button beside M, F, or N/A.

Recall Notice

A card or letter that informs a responsible person or client of immunizations that are overdue.

Release

A new version of an application, which usually includes enhancements and software fixes. Each release of an application is indicated with a number; for example, VIIS release version 3.0.

Reminder Notice

A card or letter that informs a responsible person or client of immunizations that are due in the future.

Responsible person

A parent, relative, or guardian who is associated with the client and may act as a contact. A client may also act as the responsible person for him- or herself.

Sequence

Identifies which dose is being referred to within a vaccine series. For example, a number "2" sequence indicates the second dose of the series.

Series

The compilation of doses for one vaccine that provides immunity for a certain disease or diseases. For example, the recommended series for the DTP/aP vaccine contains five doses.

Shortcut

An icon located on your computer's desktop which, when double-clicked, will open the program displayed by the icon.

Toolbar

Located near the top of your computer screen, the toolbar on your Internet browser contains

several buttons, such as Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, and Home.

Tracking schedule

A schedule of recommended vaccines, their dosage and periodicity information. The tracking schedule is used to validate a client's immunization history and makes recommendations for future vaccinations based on that history.

User roles

VIIS users are categorized into hierarchical roles that determine their level of access to the functions of VIIS. The four provider roles are Administrator, Inventory Control, Typical User, and Reports-Only.

Users

Individuals who access VIIS in some way, whether it be for printing reports, entering immunization information, tracking inventory, or entering organization-specific maintenance information.

Vaccine group

A category that describes one type of vaccination. For example, the vaccine trade names Engerix-B, Comvax, and Recombivax all fall under the Hepatitis B vaccine group.

Vaccine trade name

A unique, identifying name for a vaccine series given by the manufacturer. For example, Engerix-B is the trade name for a Hepatitis B vaccine manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline.

VIIS

Virginia Immunization Information System. A population-based Web application containing consolidated demographic and immunization history information.